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1. The following loadings and shipments were observed at the Dresden-Neustadt freight station:

At about 5:15 p.m. on 15 April: troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were loaded onto about 20 boxcars and a number of trucks

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onto an undetermined number of flatcars.

At about 1 p.m. on 16 April: 2 BA-64 armored scout cars about 20 trucks

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and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets were entrained after they had come from the direction of the Koenig Georg Kaserne.

On 15 April, a train with 33 boxcars including about 16 carrying troops with red-bordered black epaulets, 6 flatcars with 4 x 120-mm mortars, 4 trucks and billeting equipment was seen en route from the main railroad station toward Dresden-Neustadt.<sup>1</sup> On 16 April, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne in Nickern appeared to have been vacated by the troops.<sup>2</sup> At about 5:30 p.m. on 15 April, a train of 8 flatcars with rocket launchers and 4 boxcars with troops stood at the Meissen freight station, headed toward Leipzig. The barracks installation at Zaschendorf was being vacated.<sup>3</sup> At about 6 a.m. on 16 April, a truck convoy with rocket launchers and troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets moved along Stuehl Allee in Dresden from the direction of Nickern and proceeded toward Dresden-Neustadt.<sup>2</sup>

2. On 16 April, the following column passed through Klotzsche, having come from the direction of Dresden and proceeding toward Koenigsbrueck: about 100 trucks with about 500 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, about 40 x 122-mm field howitzers, 12 x 120-mm mortars and 14 rocket launchers with the trucks towing

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howitzers

On 14 April, the Napola at Klotzsche was occupied only by a rear detail, as the troops had left.<sup>1</sup> On 16 April, 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with tank insignia and carrying rifles and light equipment were detained at the Klotzsche railroad station after they had arrived there from the direction of Koenigsbrueck. The troops drove to the Napola.

3. After 15 April, columns with heavy howitzers and trucks moved through Dresden toward Koenigsbrueck. Motor vehicles were seen in the Grenadier Kaserne.<sup>1</sup>

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2. Comment. The report tends to indicate that the 399th Gds How Arty Regt and, presumably, the 53d Gds RL Bn from the Luftnachrichten Kaserne in Nickern departed by road. So far, only vague indications supported the assumption that the rocket launcher battalion were stationed in Nickern.

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The number of guns was apparently estimated too high. 25X1

3. Comment. Since only the 45th Gds Tank Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div is stationed in Meissen, it can be assumed that the rocket launchers on the train belonged to the 9th Tank Div. The quarters of the unidentified rocket launcher battalion of the division has hitherto been undetermined. It can now be assumed that Meissen is the post of the unit. The direction in which the train was headed does not furnish definite information as to the destination of the train. Last year, the 9th Tank Div assembled at the Zeithain troop training grounds for summer training. 25X1

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